In the United States District Court For the Eastern District of Wisconsin Milwaukee Division

NAZIR AL-MUJAAHID)	
Plaintiff)	Civil Action File No.
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v.)	
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TIMOTHY BANTZ,)	
JON PARKER,)	
LEVERNON LAWSON,)	
and,)	
GREGORY NELSON,)	
Defendants)	

Complaint

1. This is a civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. 1983 as well as an action for violations of state laws arising under the same transaction.

II. JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 28 U.S.C. §1343.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction under the related state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 4. Venue is proper because Defendants are located in this District and in this Division, and Plaintiffs reside in this District and in this Division.

III. PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Wisconsin.
- Defendants are police officers with the City of Milwaukee Police Department.

IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 7. On or about March 21, 2011, Plaintiff was driving a rental car in the City of Milwaukee.
- 8. At approximately 11:40 a.m., Defendants Parker and Brandt, who were on duty as Milwaukee Police Officers, initiated a detention of Plaintiff by activating their emergency lights.
- 9. Parker pointed his shotgun at Plaintiff's head and chest, with his finger on the trigger.
- 10.Bantz pointed his handgun at Plaintiff.
- 11.Both officers yelled and swore at Plaintiff, threatening to kill Plaintiff.
- 12. Both officers searched Plaintiff's person.
- 13.Bantz searched Plaintiff roughly, injuring Plaintiff's limbs and testicles.
- 14. Bantz handcuffed Plaintiff and put Plaintiff in the back of a squad car.
- 15.Plaintiff asked to be allowed to call his attorney, but both officers Bantz and Parker refused.

- 16. Both officers searched Plaintiff's car while Plaintiff was handcuffed in the back of the squad car.
- 17. During the search, Defendants Lawson and Nelson joined the other Defendants, so that all Defendants searched Plaintiff's car.
- 18.Defendants did not have probable cause to believe that Plaintiff had committed, was committing, or was about to commit a crime.
- 19. Defendants did not have articulable suspicion to detain Plaintiff.
- 20.Defendants did not have probable cause to believe Plaintiff was armed and dangerous.
- 21.Defendants did not have probable cause to believe Plaintiff's car contained contraband or evidence of a crime.
- 22.Defendants had no warrant and no exception to the warrant requirement to detain or search Plaintiff or Plaintiff's car.
- 23.On July 19, 2011, Plaintiff served a notice of the circumstances giving irise to a claim on each Defendant pursuant to Wis.Stats. § 893.80.
- 24. None of the Defendants responded to the notices of claim.
- 25.By operation of law, the notices of claim were deemed denied 120 days after service of the notices.

Count 1 – 14th Amendment Violations

- 26. By detaining Plaintiff without reasonable articulable suspicion, Defendants Bantz and Parker seized Plaintiff's person in violation of his right to be free from unreasonable seizures.
- 27. By searching Plaintiff's person without probable cause to believe he was armed and dangerous, Defendants Bantz and Parker violated Plaintiff's right to be free from unreasonable searches.
- 28. By pointing their firearms at Plaintiff, swearing at him, yelling at him, threatening to kill him, and roughly searching Plaintiff, Defendants Bantz and Parker used excessive force against Plaintiff.
- 29. By searching Plaintiff's car without a warrant and without probable cause to believe Plaintiff had committed, was committing, or was about to commit a crime, and without probable cause to believe Plaintiff's car contained contraband, all Defendants violated Plaintiff's right to be free from unreasonable searches.

Count 2 – Wisconsin State Law Claims

30. By restraining Plaintiff's liberty without lawful authority, Defendants Parker and Bantz falsely imprisoned Plaintiff.

- 31.By pointing firearms at Plaintiff and threatening to shoot him and by searching his person, Defendants Parker and Bantz assaulted and battered Plaintiff.
- 32.By searching Plaintiff's car without his consent, all Defendants committed a trespass of Plaintiff's car.

Prayer for Relief

Plaintiff demands the following relief:

- 33. Damages in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 34. Reasonable costs and attorney's fees.
- 35. A jury to try this case.
- 36. Any other relief the Court deems proper.

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